



Engaging the Senses

Symposium and workshops exploring multi-sensory, interactive arts for young children with complex needs

Wednesday 18th September, 2019 at The Civic, Tallaght

The Civic in partnership with Helium Arts, invites you to 'Engaging the Senses', a symposium and gathering with conversation, demonstrations, and playtime workshops for both parents and arts, healthcare and early years professionals interested in exploring multi-sensory, creative play through the arts for very young children with complex needs.

Taking place on **September 18th 2019** at **The Civic, in Tallaght**, 'Engaging the Senses' is informed by The Civic's current exploration and development in this area of work in South Dublin County Council with outcomes and learning from Helium Arts' Pop Up Picnic and Anna Newell's 'Sing Me to The Sea', both multi-sensory performance projects for children with complex needs.

'This should be everywhere – all of our children should get to experience this.'
Liaison Nurse, Jack and Jill Children's Foundation about Helium Arts' Pop Up Picnic

'With some parents having a very emotional experience, it was amazing to witness how SING ME TO THE SEA impacted these people's lives in such a short period of time.' Pool Manager, St Gabriel's Centre, Limerick
about Anna Newell's SING ME TO THE SEA

This event is free but booking is required for symposium and workshops. Box Office: 01 4627477

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Schedule – 09.30 – 16:30

- 09:30** **Registration**, tea and coffee
- 10:00** **Welcome** – Setting the Scene – *The Civic and Helene Hugel, Director, Helium*
- 10:30** **Demonstration** – Anna Newell discusses the production 'Sing me to the Sea' with Q&A
- 11:00** **Demonstration** – Joanna Williams discusses Helium Arts' production of Pop Up Picnic with Q&A
- 11:30** **Concurrent Workshops** – follow the booking link above to book

Workshop 1 – with Pop Up Picnic team: Joanna Williams & Niamh Lawlor	Workshop 2 – with Anna Newell
Workshop 3 – with Senior Occupational Therapist (TBC)	Workshop 4 – with Sensory Fun with Friends (TBC)

- 13:00** **Lunch** – connect with attendees over lunch and discover sensory delights from a variety of theatre makers across Ireland at their interactive stands.
- 14:00** **Concurrent Workshops** – follow the booking link above to book
- 15:30** **Closing reflections** – Attendees reflect on the day with Joanna Williams and Anna Newell
- 16:00** **Key thoughts, questions, hopes**
- 16:30** **Ends**